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OF THE

NINETY EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Ministerium

OF

PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED

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MINUTES OF SYNOD, &c.

AGREABLE to a resolution of the last annual Convention, the members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, held their *ninety-eighth** annual Convention, for the transaction of business, at Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Trinity Sunday, the 18th May 1845.

In the morning, the Rev. C. R. DEMME, D. D., officiated for the Rev. President, and preached in the German language, from Eph. iv, 5. *One Lord.* In the afternoon, the Rev. E. PEIXOTO preached for the Secretary, from Acts ii, 37. In the evening the Treasurer, the Rev. J. C. BAKER, D. D., preached in the English language from Acts. ii, 1—4.

According to the report of the Rev. *Pastor loci*, the Rev. J. JAEGER preached in the morning in the German language from Prov. xii, 2., in the German Reformed Church, and in the evening, the Rev. J. MEDTART, in the English language from Jno. vi, 46., in the same church.

On the Saturday evening preceeding, the Rev. W. B. RALLY preached in the German language, in the Lutheran Church, from Acts ii, 42.

* In the *printed* minutes for 1844 the Convention was erroneously stated to have been the 96th annual meeting. The *Manuscript* copy correctly refers to the 97th annual Convention.

SYNODICAL PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, May 19., 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

Pursuant to previous notice, the Clergymen and Lay-Delegates assembled in the Church, for the transaction of ecclesiastical business. The Rev. President opened the session with singing and prayer. The roll of the Clergy was called by the Secretary, whereupon the following answered to their names, and took their seats according to seniority. The following Lay-Delegates also presented their credentials, and were received as members, entitled to a seat and vote.

Clergy.	*Residence.*	*Lay-Delegates.*
Rev. J. P. Hecht*	Easton	
" J. Miller, D. D.	Reading	W. Weimer. J. Geiger.
" D. Ulrich,*	Stouchsburg	
" W. G. Ernst, D. D.*	Lebanon	
" W. Baetis, *Senior**	Lancaster	
" F. W. Meendsen**	Kreidersville	
" J. C. Baker, D. D.	Lancaster	J. F. Long.
" J. N. Hemping*	Berryburg	
" G. Minnig**	Bernville	
" C. F. Heyer*	Guntoor, E. Indies	*Missionary.*
" J. J. Strein	Lancaster	
" F. W. Geissenhainer,	New-York City	
" C. Miller	New Hannover	J. Rhoads.
" H. G. Stecher	Hummelstown	J. Hummel.
" S. Trumbauer	Leacock	J. Rennincen.
" B. German	Allentown	C. Keck.
" C. R. Demme, D. D.	Philadelphia	G. Miller.
" G. A. Reichert	"	J. Miller.
" J. Stein	Jonestown	
" G. F. I. Jaeger	Hamburg	M. Stoezler.
" W. G. Eyer*	Catawissa	
" J. W. Richards	Germantown	C. F. Ashmead.
" J. Bahl	Berwick	
" H. S. Miller	Trappe	J. Boorse.
" C. P. Miller*	Bucksville	
" W. B. Kaemmer**	Richland	
" J. Jaeger	Allentown	W. Saeger.
" J. B. Gross*	Fayette, New-York	
" J. Roeller	Kutztown	

Clergy.	*Residence.*	*Lay-Delegates.*
Rev. J. J. Binninger*	Cunningham	
" G. Schulze*	Newbury	
" J. Schindel	Kerns	G. Req.
" M. Herpel**	Easton	
" E. P. E. Peixoto	Sumnytown	A. Wambold.
" J. Medtart	Bluebell	
" J. Haesbaert**		
" C. F. Welden	Kimberton	G. Orner.
" A. Fuchs	Bath	
" J. C. Barnitz	New Holland	
" C. W. Schaeffer	Harrisburg	
" F. Schmidt	Boston, Mass.	
" G. M. Merz	Linglestown	
" W. G. Minnig	Pottsville	G. Meyer.
" C. F. Stoever	Milton	
" D. Kohler	Kutztown	
" A. T. Geissenhainer	Reading	
" L. Gerhard	Elizabethtown	C. Folz.
" G. H. Brandau*	Chambersburg	
" S. A. Mealy	Zanesville, Ohio	*Ed. Luth. Stand.*
" A. B. Gockelen**	Malaga, Ohio	
" C. G. Friedrich	Brickersville	H. Kampfer.
" A. C. Georgii	Tamaqua	S. Ringer.
" A. T. Biewend*	Washington, D. C.	
" E. A. Bauer	East Penn	J. Dinkey.
" F. A. M. Keller	Reading	*Vide Dr. Miller.*
" C. L. Erle, *Licentiate*,	Cherry	
" G. A. Wenzel "	Hecktown	
" C. G. A. Neumann, "	Line Mountain	G. Schneider.
" W. B. Rally "	Philadelphia	
" N. Jaeger "	Orwigsburg	J. Krebs.
" P. L. Oberfeld "	Weissenburg	S. Billmann.
" J. C. Schmidt "	Bernville	
" A. Bergner "	Shamokin	C. Bauschlag.

The Rev. J. C. Bucher, pastor of the German Reformed Congregation at Reading, was invited to a seat as an advisory member, and presented several copies of the minutes of the German Reformed Synod, the Delegate from that Body not having yet made his appearance among us.

The Synodical Convention, thus constituted, consisted of *seventy* members.

* Absent with excuse.
** Absent without excuse.

In conformity with the constitution, the Rev. President then read his annual Report, which was received for further consideration, and placed in the hands of a Committee.

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, convened at Reading, in Trinity week 1845.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

In compliance with my duty, I beg leave to lay before you the following official report.

June 15. 1844.—I received a letter from the *Rev. J. Haesbaert*, in which he informed me that the Rev. E. Peixoto was unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbus Seminary, requesting at the same time the transmission of credentials for himself and the Rev. S. A. Mealy, certifying their appointment by the Synod, as Directors of the Seminary. The desired certificate was transmitted. See I.

Aug. 15.—Received a communication from the *Rev. Prof. Schmidt*, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of Publication, the Rev. Dr. Demme, and forwarded to me at the request of the writer. Professor Schmidt intimates to Dr. Demme, in this letter, his intention to recede from the transfer of the "Kirchenzeitung," stipulated at our last Synodical Convention. See II.

Aug. 21.—Received a letter from *Mr. H. S. Knebel* of Elysburg, addressed to me in the name of St. Jacobs and St. Peter's Congregations, Northumberland Co., in which he forcibly represents the distressed state of these Congregations, and solicits advice, which I gave him to the best of my judgement. See III.

Aug. 28.—Received a letter from the *Rev. G. A. Wenzel*, requesting permission to take charge of a small Congregation in his vicinity, which had given him a regular call. His request was granted. See IV.

Sept. 18.—Received a letter from the *Rev A. B. Gockelen*, intimating his intended resignation of the Congregations at Pinegrove, &c. See V.

Sept. 20.—Received different testimonials concerning *Mr. B. Friehe* by the Rev. Dr. Demme and the Rev. Dr. Baker, with the object of obtaining license *ad interim*, which license I subsequently granted Mr. Friehe. See VI.

Nov. 12.—Received a letter from the *Rev J. C. Schmidt*, requesting permission to visit several vacant Congregations in his neighbourhood, and take charge of them, in case they should give him a call. Granted. See VII.

Nov. 14.—Received a letter from the *Rev. W. G. Eyer*, in which he intimates, that the state of his health would oblige him to suspend his ministerial functions for a year at least, during which period the Rev. C. Witmer, of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, would officiate in his stead. See VIII.

Nov. 18.—Received a letter from the *Rev. P. L. Oberfeld*, informing me, that he had taken charge of the Congregations at Lynntown and Longswamp. See IX.

Nov. 30.—Received a letter from *Mr. F. W. Husman*, soliciting license *ad interim*, accompanied by a favorable testimonial from the Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken. Granted, in view of this recommendation. See X.

Dec. 6.—Received a second letter from *Mr. Knebel*, on behalf of the Congregations of St. Jacobs and St. Peters, in which they express a desire of obtaining the pastoral services of the Rev. A. Bergner, and solicit the assistance of Synod during the present year. I granted the former request, but felt myself unable to give a decisive answer as to the latter. See XI.

Jan. 3. 1845.—Received a written application for license *ad interim* from *Oscar Hunger, Ph. Dr.*, the applicant being very favorably recommended by the Rev. C. F. E. Stohlman of New York and the Rev. Prof. Schmidt. Granted. See XII.

Jan. 12.—Received a visit from *Mr F. P. Feysel*, a Candidate of Theology from Hanover, Germany. In view of the favorable testimonials Mr. Feysel produced, I granted him at his request license *ad interim*. See XIII.

Jan. 20.—Received a letter from several members of the Congregation at *Pinegrove*, requesting me to furnish them with a suitable minister at the earliest opportunity. I would have felt much gratification in granting their wish, but it was entirely out of my power so to do. See XIV.

Jan. 28.—Received a letter from the *Rev. C. J. Weiand*, in which he mentions among other things, that he continues to consider himself a member of this body, and intends resuming his seat at our next convention. See XV.

April 2.—Received a letter from the Church Council of *St. John's Congregation, Erie*, intimating, that this Congregation had duly called the Rev. F. P. Feysel, by a large majority, to be their pastor. This statement was accompanied and corroborated by a communication from Mr. F. P. Feysel himself. See XVI.

April 9.—Received a letter from the *Rev. W. B. Rally*, in which he informs me, that he has succeeded in organizing a Congregation at Manayunk, Philadelphia Co., and begs leave to accept the call he has received from the same. Granted. See XVII.

April 11.—Received a letter from *Mr. J. B. Friehe*, in which he communicates the agreable intelligence that he has received and accepted of a regular call from the Congregations at Pinegrove and Hetzel. See XVIII.

All this is duly certified.

J. Miller, *President.*

The President now intimated, that the term of office of the officers of Synod had expired, and the constitutional time for the election arrived. He then appointed tellers: the Rev. H. S. Miller, and Mr. J. F. Long. The Secretary declined a re-election, but after counting the votes, it appeared, that the election had resulted in the re-appointment of the same officers, viz:

Rev. J. Miller, D. D., of Reading, *President.*
do. J. W. Richards, of Germantown, *Secretary.*
do. J. C. Baker, D. D., of Lancaster, *Treasurer.*

The officers elect having taken their seats, the Rev. President requested, that all papers intended for the action of this body should be presented: and for the purpose of facilitating business, the names of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates were called, after which the President observed, that if any one wished to propose any subject orally, it could now be done.

The papers presented, being 26 in number, were then distributed among the following Committees, to examine and report thereon:

COMMITTEES ON PAPERS, &c.

I. Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, H. G. Stecher, J. Bahl, and Messrs. Weimer and Ashmead.

II. Rev. Messrs. C. Miller, J. C. Strein, C. F. Welden, and Messrs. Geiger and Rhoads.

III. Rev. Messrs. B. German, G. Jaeger, G. M. Merz, and Messrs. Hummel and G. Miller.

IV. Rev. Messrs. J. Jaeger, J. Roeller, F. A. M. Keller, and Messrs. Long and Saeger.

V. Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto, J. Stein, S. Trumbauer, and Messrs. Renninger and J. Miller.

VI. Rev. Messrs. F. Schmidt, G. Minnig, D. Kohler, and Messrs. Folz and Wambold.

COMMITTEES ON MINUTES OF SYNODS.

I. *General Synod of Ohio.*—The Rev. A. Fuchs.

II. *Synod of New York.*—The Rev. L. Gerhard.

III. *Synod of Virginia.*—The Rev. C. F. Stoever.

IV. *Synod of North Carolina.*—The Rev. J. C. Barnitz.

V. *Synod of Maryland.*—The Rev. N. Jaeger.

VI. *Hartwick Synod.*—The Rev. W. B. Rally.

VII. *Synod of the West.*—The Rev. D. Kohler.

VIII. *Synod of the Germ. Ref. Church.*—The Rev. Dr. Demme.

IX. *Synod of Pennsylvania* 1844.—The Rev. P. L. Oberfeld.*

The following Committees were likewise appointed:

Committee on the Treasurers Accounts: Rev. Messrs. C. F. Welden, and F. A. M. Keller, and Mr. Ashmead.

Committee on the Presidents Accounts: Rev. Messrs, C R. Demme and E. Peixoto.

* The Secretary, upon returning home, received the minutes of the formation and first Convention of the newly organized Evang. Luth. Synod of Miami. This body consists of 12 Ministers and 32 Congregations. Parochial report: Baptisms 176, Confirmations 176, Communicants 1723, Funerals 40, &c. President: the Rev. C. F. Schaeffer. Secretary: the Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller. Treasurer: the Rev. J. Surface. These minutes will be submitted to Synod at our next Convention. May the blessing of the Lord accompany this new Synod!

The Committee of Examination not having its full complement, the Rev. G. Jaeger was added to the number of the members. Applicants for reception into the ministerium were requested to report themselves to this Committee, and the President distributed the Sermons and Journals of the Candidates among several of the Brethern to examine and report theron.

Resolved: That the reading of last year's minutes be dispensed with.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. G. Stecher.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 3 o'olock, P. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. B. German. The Rev. C. F. E. Stohlmann, the delegate from our sister Synod of New York, appeared, and was cordially received, and invited to a seat, as a member entitled to a vote. The Rev. J. S. Kessler, Pastor of the German Reformed Church in Reading, and the Rev. J. M. Sandhaus, a licentiate of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, were received as advisory members. The Rev. G. A. Reichert appeared and took his seat.

The first committee reported thro' the chairman, the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer: the report was received for consideration.

Report of the First Committee.

No. 1.—Is the Presidents Report, which your Committee find to be in accordance with the accompanying documents. We recommend the letter of the Rev. F. Schmidt, mentioned in the Report, and referring to the "Kirchenzeitung," to the consideration of Synod.

Resolved: That this letter be read before Synod; this was accordingly done, and other letters, relating to the same topic, were likewise read.

Resolved: To postpone the consideration of this matter until to-morrow.

The second Committee reported through the Rev. C. Miller.

Report of the Second Committee.

No. 2.—Is the Journal of Mr. Friehe, with other documents, which ought to be laid before the Committee of Examination.

No. 3.—Two copies of the "Manual of Baptism," by the Rev. T. Lape, in the english and german languages, presented to Synod by the Author.

Resolved: That the german copy be handed to the Rev. E. Peixoto, and the english copy to the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, in order to report on this publication at the next Convention of Synod.

No. 4.—A communication from the Church Council of St. James' congregation, Shamokin, in which they refer to certain difficulties existing in the congregation. Your Committee being unable to present this document in its proper light, would recommend that it be read before Synod.

The letter was accordingly read, after which it was

Resolved: That a committee be appointed, to investigate this matter minutely, and make an appropriate suggestion in reference to it. The following gentlemen were appointed; Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto, F. Schmidt, and C. Miller.

No. 5.—A letter from the Jerusalem congregation, Schuylkill-Haven, in which the Rev. N. Jaeger is accused of acting against the ministerial Constitution, he having officiated in that congregation.

Resolved: That this communication be read before Synod.

Resolved: That Synod, after hearing the statements offered by the Rev. W. G. Minnig, and the Rev. J. Jaeger, cannot think that the Rev. N. Jaeger offended, or intended to offend against the ministerial Constitution: that Synod, however, would advise the brethren, to act carefully and conscientiously in cases of a similar nature.

No. 6.—A letter from the Rev. Fred. Schmidt, and the Rev. J. S. Dumser, Missionary, both of Ann Arbor, Mich., communicating intelligence about their Mission among the Indians. Your Committee would suggest, that this letter be referred to the Missionary Society.

Resolved: That this matter be referred to the Missionary Society.

The Rev. C. F. Stoever intimated, that he probably would resign the charge of his congregations, and stated his readiness to give any brother the necessary information about his charge.

The third Committee reported thro' their chairman, the Rev. B. German, and their report was accepted for consideration.

Report of the Third Committee.

No. 7.—A letter from the Rev. Dr. Ernst, in which he asks to be excused for not attending the present convention of Synod, on the plea of sickness, adds his parochial report, and transmits $20 for Missions, $5 for the synodical treasury, and $1 annual contribution to the Missionary Society. In conclusion he wishes Synod the blessing of Almighty God, and invites this body, in the name of his congregation, to hold its next convention at Lebanon.

Resolved: That Synod regret the sickness of the Rev. Dr. Ernst, and excuse his absence.

Resolved: That Synod gratefully acknowledge the invitation extended by the congregation at Lebanon, and that their offer in due time receive appropriate consideration.

No. 8.—A recommendation in favor of the Rev. P. L. Oberfeld, signed by the congregations at Lynntown, Lehigh Co., and Longswamp, Berks Co. They likewise request that Mr. Oberfeld be ordained.

Resolved: That Synod is gratified to receive this favorable testimonial, and that the latter part of this document be referred to the Ministerium.

No. 9.—A testimonial of the congregations at Shamokin, Northumberland Co., in which they commend the efficient ministration and moral deportment of their pastor, the Rev. A. Bergner.

Resolved: That Synod rejoice at this favorable testimonial.

No. 10.—A similar testimonial from the congregation in Cherry Township, Lycoming Co., in favor of their pastor, the Rev. C. L. Erle. They likewise request, that Mr. Erle be ordained.

Resolved: That Synod view with pleasure this favorable testimonial, and that the request for ordination be referred to the ministerial session.

No. 11.—A list of the ministerial functions performed by the Rev. C. L. Erle.

The latter will be inserted in its proper place.

The absence of the Rev. C. P. Miller was excused.

The fourth Committee reported thro' the chairman, the Rev. J. Jaeger, and the report was accepted for consideration.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

No. 12.—Is a letter from our venerable Senior, the Rev. W. Baetis, in which he asks to be excused for not attending the present convention of Synod. He pleads infirmity as his excuse, and transmits $2. 50 for Missions, and $2. 50 for the Synodical Treasury, together with his parochial report for the last synodical year.

Resolved: That Synod excuse the absence of Father Baetis, and implore the blessing of Almighty God in his behalf.

No. 13.—Contains the minutes of the Special Conference of the First District, held at Germantown, May 1., 1844. Your Committee is of opinion, that these minutes have already been submitted to Synod at the Convention of 1844.*

* The statement of the committee is perfectly correct,—the minutes of this Conference were presented by mistake, having been disposed of at our last synodical Convention.

No. 14.—Contains the minutes of the Special Conference of the First District, held at Centre Square, Nov. 6., 1844. This Conference resolved, that those members, that failed in their attendance, should be requested to state before Synod the reasons of their absence.

Resolved: That these absentees be required so to do.

It was accordingly done; the Rev. E. Peixoto, and the Rev. C. Miller presented their excuses, which were sustained by Synod.

No. 15.—A letter from the German Ev. Luth. Congregation at Boston, requesting to be received into our synodical connexion, and certifying the receipt of $50 remitted by Synod to said congregation, thro' their Lay-Delegate.

Resolved: That the request of this congregation be granted, and that it be received into connexion with the "Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent states."

No. 16.—A recommendation from four congregations in Lucerne Co., in favor of their pastor, the Rev. C. F. F. Salman, in which your Committee rejoice.

Resolved: That Synod is gratified at this testimonial.

The fifth Committee reported thro' the chairman, the Rev. E. Peixoto, and the report was received for consideration.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

No. 17.—(*a*) Is a letter from the Rev. C. F. F. Salman, in which he states, that he is prevented by sickness from attending this convention in person, and expresses the wish to be received as a member of this body. (*b*) A certificate of the church council of the Hazletown congregation in favor of Mr. Salman. (*c*) A letter from the Rev. J. J. Binninger, who having been unable to leave his room for five months, requests to be excused for not attending this Convention. He likewise speaks in higly favorable terms of Mr. Salman, and warmly recommends him for reception into this Synod.

Resolved: That the Rev. J. J. Binninger be excused, and Mr. Salman's application be referred to the Ministerial Session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. G. A. Reichert.

This evening, the Rev. H. S. Miller preached in the German language, from Mat. i, 21.

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The members of Synod assembled in the Church, in accordance with Ch. IX, Sec. 18. of the Constitution, for the purpose of presenting their parochial reports, and paying their contributions to the Synodical and Missionary Treasury.

At 9 o'clock the regular business of Synod was resumed. The session was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. C. F. E. Stohlmann.

A number of documents being presented, intended for the action of Synod, the President referred them to the following Committees:

VII. Rev. Messrs. J. C. Strein, H. G. Stecher, J. Medtart, and Messrs. Long and Rhoads.

VIII. Rev. Messrs. G. A. Reichert, C. F. E. Stohlmann, A. Fuchs, and Messrs. Boorse and Kampfer.

The Rev. J. Vogelbach, pastor of St. Michaels German Lutheran congregation, Harrisburg, applied for membership with the ministerium. His application was referred to the Committee of Examination.

Rev. Messrs. C. W. Schaeffer, J. Schindel, and J. C. Schmidt appeared and took their seats. Their excuse for late attendance was received by Synod.

The report of the *Fifth Committee* was resumed.

No. 18.—A letter from the Rev. T. H. Leinbach, the delegate of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in which he regrets being prevented by ministerial and family engagements from attending this Convention. He likewise transmits $5, the contribution of Mr. G. Keiser of Womelsdorf, towards the establishment of a printing press in Heathen lands.

Resolved: That we regret being deprived the pleasure of seeing the Rev. T. H. Leinbach in our midst, and thankfully receive Mr. Keiser's donation, which will be employed accordingly.

No. 19.—A letter from the Rev. W. G. Eyer, in which he begs to be excused for not attending this Convention, and mentions, that a disease in his throat will even prevent him, until next autumn, from the performance of his ministerial functions.

Resolved: That Mr. Eyer be excused.

No. 20.—A letter from Mr. W. H. Husman, of Fort Wayne, Ia., directed to the President, requesting a renewal of the license *ad interim* granted him by the same, and stating, as a motive for the fulfillment of his request, the urgent necessity of supplying the vacancy, caused by the removal of the Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken from Fort Wayne to Baltimore.

Resolved: That this application be referred to the Ministerium.

No. 21.—A communication from a certain J. P. H. Kramer, formerly a minister of the Gospel, soliciting assistance.

Resolved: That this application be left to the discretion of the President.

The Rev. C. A. Pauli, pastor of the German Reformed congregations near Reading, and the Rev. C. Herman, pastor of the German Reformed congregation at Kutztown were received as advisory members.

The subject of

The "Lutherische Kirchenzeitung"

which had been postponed yesterday, was now resumed for consideration. The Editor, the Rev. F. Schmidt, submitted the following resolutions, which were received for consideration.

Resolved: That in view of the circumstances that prompted the Rev. Fred. Schmidt to recede from the transfer of the Kirchenzeitung, stipulated at Pottstown, we cannot disapprove of his receding from this agreement. Regretting the embarassed situation of the Kirchenzeitung and anxious to assist this paper to the best of our means, and if possible, to deliver it from its pecuniary embarassments, be it further

Resolved: That Synod earnestly request all delinquent subscribers, to forward without delay the amount of their liabilities to the editor of the Kirchenzeitung.

Resolved: That a Committee be appointed, to consist of three Ministers and three Lay-Delegates, which shall publish an address in the name of Synod, calling on the friends of the Kirchenzeitung to relieve this Journal by voluntary contributions from its present embarassed condition. This address to be inserted in the Kirchenzeitung and in our synodical minutes, and circulated in pamplet form. All ministers to be requested, if it is not contrary to their views, to solicit the assistance of their respective congregations.

Resolved: That all sums thus collected, be remitted to the Treasurer, by the 1st of Oct. next, and all receipts acknowledged in the Kirchenzeitung.

Resolved: That on the 1st of Oct. next, the amount collected be equally distributed among the Creditors of the Kirchenzeitung in proportion to their respective claims.

Resolved: That, in case all the liabilities of the Kirchenzeitung should be met by the payment of deliquencies, the sale of the assetts and the voluntary contributions,—and in that case alone, all the *Activa* of the Kirchenzeitung shall revert to Synod as its property: in any other case the Kirchenzeitung shall be discontinued.

Resolved: That in case Synod shall assume, under these conditions, the proprietorship of the Kirchenzeitung, the above mentioned Committee shall appoint an editor, who shall continue the publication of this Journal for the account and in the name of Synod, until the next Convention, when the regular election for editor shall take place.

After introducing these resolutions, the Rev. Prof. Schmidt made some statements in connexion with them, and several members of Synod offered different remarks and propositions on the

subject. Synod, however, not arriving at any available or satisfactory result, it was finally

Resolved: That the whole matter be indefinitely laid on the table.

The sixth Committee reported thro' the Rev. D. Kohler, and the report was accepted for consideration.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

No. 22.—A letter from the Rev. D. Ulrich, in which he mentions, that he probably will be prevented by urgent business, from attending this Convention, in which case he begs to be excused. He transmits his parochial report, $2 for the synodical treasury, and $17 for Missions, $2 of which are to be appropriated to the purchase of a printing-press for the mission at Guntoor.

Resolved: That in case circumstances should require it, the excuse of the Rev. D. Ulrich be sustained.

No. 23.—A communication from the councils and members of Zions, St. Pauls, and St. Johns congregations, Schuylkill Co., intimating that they have given a regular call to the Rev. N. Jaeger, and received him as their pastor. They likewise submit a testimonial in favor of Mr. Jaeger.

Resolved: That Synod view with pleasure this recommendation.

No. 24.—Is a letter from the Rev. J. N. Hemping, in which he pleads the infirmities of age as the reason of his absence, and requests to be excused. He transmits $2 for the synodical treasury, $6 for Missions, and $1, his contribution as a member of the Missionary Society; he likewise presents his parochial report. Your Committee would move, that the Rev. J. N. Hemping be excused, and that his comprehensive letter be read before Synod.

Resolved: That this report be accepted, and the Rev. J. N. Hemping be excused.

During the session of Synod the regret was frequently expressed, that so many of the members of Synod—particularly of the senior members—were absent from this, and several other Conventions, together with the hope, that Synod might in future more frequently be favored by the presence of these Fathers, and assisted by their wisdom and matured experience.

No. 25.—A letter from the Elders and Deacons of the Congregations at Orwigsburg, Little-Schuylkill, and Mackeansburg, Schuylkill Co., in which they express their satisfaction with the doctrine and conversation of their pastor, the Rev. N. Jaeger, together with the hope, that he may continue to labor among them. They likewise request that his license may be renewed.

Resolved: That Synod regard this favorable testimonial with pleasure, and that the latter part of this communication be referred to the Ministerium.

No. 26.—Is a letter from Mr. J. B. Friehe, intimating, that he has accepted a call from the Congregations at Pinegrove and Hetzel, Schuylkill Co.

Resolved: That this communication be disposed of when Mr. Friehe shall have been received as a member of the ministerium.

The following proposal of the "*Bible Society of Pennsylvania*" was now submitted to Synod, through the Rev. C. R. Demme, D. D.

Whereas, it is the earnest desire of the Bible Society of Pennsylvania, to create among the Lutheran Churches of this state a more general interest in behalf of the object contemplated by this Society, and whereas, this interest could be best excited by ministers of the Lutheran Church:—the Bible Society would propose to the Rev. Synod of Pennsylvania, to request one of its members to labor among the Congregations connected with Synod in behalf of the Society. They would be ready to compensate the efforts of an Agent appointed by Synod, only requiring said Agent to forward his Report to their Society. They beg leave to add, that they would confidently anticipate the most favorable results of their application, if they could succeed in obtaining the assistance of the Rev. J. Miller, D. D., J. C. Baker, D. D., or J. W. Richards, in connexion with the above proposal.

Rosolved: That we thankfully view in the proposal of the Bible Society of Pennsylvania an evidence of that pure and Christian spirit, by which the efforts of this Society are animated, and that we would be much gratified, if any of the Brethren mentioned in their proposal would consent to labour among our Congregations in the interest of the Society.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. G. M. Mertz. In the afternoon, the Missionary Society assembled at 1 o'clock, and remained in session until 4 o'clock P. M.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. A. Fuchs. The minutes of this morning's session were read and adopted.

The seventh Committee presented their Report, which was accepted for consideration.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

No. 27.—Is a communication signed by the German residents of Sunville (Rising Sun), Nicetown and Port Richmond, Philadelphia Co. They express

their gratitude to Synod for the appointment of a Missionary, the Rev. W. B. Rally, who has successfully labored among them during the past year. They are gratified with Mr. Rally's services, and would cheerfully give him a call as their regular pastor, but for their inability to offer him an adequate compensation. They would request a continuance of his labours among them for another year, until they would be strong enough to organize a Congregation. They likewise remit $5 for domestic, and $1 for foreign Missions.

No. 28.—Is a Certificate of licensure, which is referred to the Ministerium.

No. 29.—Is a letter, signed by the officers of a Sunday School established in Kensington, Philadelphia. They represent the spiritual destitution of the descendants of Lutheran families in that section of the City, which has led to the organization of a flourishing Sunday School, which is held, together with religious services by the Rev. W. B. Rally, in a spacious hall. They state, that Mr. Rally is actively labouring among them, and that they hope his efforts may eventually result in the foundation of an English Lutheran Congregation. They recommend Mr. Rally as a suitable person to be employed as the Domestic Missionary of Synod.

Resolved: That the subjects referred to in No. 27 and No. 29 be referred to the consideration of the Missionary Society.

The eighth Committee reported thro' the chairman, the Rev. J. C. Strein, and the report was received for consideration.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

No. 30.—Is a letter from the Church Council of the newly organized German Lutheran Congregation at Manayunk, Philadelphia Co., stating that they have unanimously called the Rev. W. B. Rally to be their minister.

Resolved: That Synod approve of this call.

No. 31.—Is a letter from the same Congregation, in which they beg to be received into connexion with Synod, and request that a Committee be appointed to instal their minister; they transmit $2 for the Synodical Treasury, and invoke the blessing of Almighty God on the deliberations of Synod.

Resolved: That the wish of this Congregation be granted, and that Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto and J. W. Richards be a Committee to instal Mr. Rally in his charge at Manayunk.

No. 32.—Is a letter from the Rev. A. T. Biewend, in which he begs to be excused for non-attendance, pleading domestic circumstances as his excuse; he likewise submits a statement on the situation of his Church, and his parochial report.

Resolved: That the Rev. A. T. Biewend be excused.

No. 33.—Is a letter from the Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., in which he states:

1) That the Missionary Society of South Carolina Synod remit $250 to our Society in aid of the Guntoor Mission, of which $200 are intended for the liquidation of the debt resting on the Missionary Buildings, and $50 to be disposed of according to our Society's direction.

2) That the Synod of South Carolina has forwarded us a certain number of copies of their Minutes for 1844.

3) That they invite the attention of our Synod to a plan for preparing Candidates for the Ministry, which they have adopted, and that they will thankfully receive any suggestion in connexion with it. Your Committee would recommend the said plan to the approval of Synod.

4) That he (Dr. Hazelius) is now engaged in preparing a History of the American Lutheran Church, specimens of which have appeared in the Lutheran Standard, and in regard to which he solicits the assistance and cooperation of this Body. Your Committee beg leave to state, that a similar book is much wanted in the Lutheran Church, and that from the specimens submitted they feel authorized cheerfully to recommend its publication.

Resolved in reference to No. 33:

ad 1) That the corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society write to the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, and express, thro' him, to the Missionary Society of South Carolina Synod our thanks for their fraternal and generous contribution: requesting a continuance of their aid.

ad 2) That we have not received the Minutes, tho' we are gratified at the intention.

ad 3) That Synod rejoice at every means employed to prepare young men for the ministry of the Gospel.

ad 4) That Synod being of the Committee's opinion, the History of the Evang. Lutheran Church, now preparing for publication by the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, be cordially recommended to the Church at large.

The ninth Committee (formed at a later period) reported thro' the Rev. A. Fuchs, and the report was received for consideration.

Report of the Ninth Committee.

No. 34.—Contains the Minutes of the Special Conference of the Fourth District, held at Maytown, Lancaster Co., Sept. 2. 1844. Present: The Rev. Senior Baetis, and Rev. Messrs. J. C. Baker, D. D., L. Gerhard, and C. G. Friedrich. These Minutes not containing any matter of importance, render further action unnecessary.

No. 35.—Is a letter from the Rev. J. B. Gross, requesting to be excused for non-attendance in consequence of sickness; he transmits $7, together with his parochial report.

Resolved: That the Rev. J. B. Gross be excused.

No. 36.—A communication from the Rev. J. F. Abele, in which he begs to be excused for non-attendance. As he is not officiating in any Congregation, and has turned his attention to secular business, he solicits an honorable dismissal, and requests that his letter may be read before Synod.

The letter having been read, it was

Resolved: That Mr. Abele's absence be excused, and that he receive an honorable dismissal, as desired.

No. 37.—A letter from St. Michaels German Lutheran Congregation at Harrisburg, signed by all the members of the Vestry, in which they solicit the reception of their Pastor as a member of this Synod.

Resolved: That this Congregation and their minister be received into our connexion, as soon as the Ministerium shall have recognized the latter as a member.

No. 38.—E letter from the Rev. G. H. Brandau, in which he begs to be excused for not attending Synod, on account of sickness, and forwards his parochial report.

Resolved: That the Rev. G. H. Brandau be excused.

The Delegates to the Joint Synod of Ohio were now called upon to present their Report.

Report on Columbus Seminary.

The undersigned, having been elected by this Synod a member of the Board of Directors of Columbus Seminary, and also appointed a Delegate to represent this ecclesiastical body at the special session of the Joint Synod of Ohio, which convened at Zanesville in June 1844, asks leave respectfully to report:

1) That, in conjunction with his colleague, the Rev. J. Haesbaert, he attended the meeting of the Ohio Synod, where the Delegation was fraternally received and welcomed by our Ohio brethren, and cordially invited to participate in all their deliberations.

2) With regard to the duties involved in his appointment to the Direction of Columbus Seminary, the undersigned would state, that notwithstanding the Pennsylvania Synod had been invited and encouraged by the Joint Synod of Ohio to appoint Directors, to share in the supervision of the Seminary, and to protect and promote the interests of this Body in that Institution, he discovered with mortification and pain, on his arrival in Ohio, that they were disqualified to act to any extent in the above capacity, in consequence of a provision in the Charter of the Institution, authorizing the appointment of only *eight* Directors, and no preliminary steps having been taken, to have that instrument so amended, as to admit of the introduction of that proportion of the Board elected by this Synod, which would have swelled the number to twelve. Of course, the undersigned and his colleague were unable to act as Directors of the Seminary, and although they were kindly treated by the Ohio brethren, and promised that the disqualifying clause should be expunged from the Charter at as early a day as practicable, it is believed that no definite action has as yet been had to effect such a result, and that the share of the Pennsylvania Synod in the Direction of Columbus Seminary is, up to the present time, merely nominal.

3) In regard to the proceedings of the Joint Synod of Ohio, in reference to Columbus Seminary, this Synod is respectfully referred to the Minutes of that Body.

S. A. Mealy.

Resolved: That this report be adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Account.

The Committee report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Account, and found it to be correct.

1) *Synodical Treasury*:

Receipts from June 1., 1844, to May 18., 1845	$286 25
Expenditures during the same period	" 471 37

The expenditures consequently exceed the receipts by $185 12, which sum having been taken from the Missionary Treasury must be refunded.

2) *Missionary Treasury*:

Receipts from June 1., 1844, to May 18., 1845	$1577 05½
Expenditures during the same period	" 1048 50
Balance	$ 528 55½

Respectfully submitted.

C. F. Welden.
F. A. M. Keller.
C. F. Ashmead.

Resolved: That this Report be adopted.

The present state of the *Emmaus Orphan Asylum*, at Middletown, being represented to Synod, after some discussion it was

Resolved: That a Committee be appointed, to consist of Rev. Messrs. C. F. Schaeffer, and D. Kohler, to investigate the condition of the Emmaus Institute, to procure legal assistance for that purpose, and to do all in their power to have the capital invested in this Institute applied to its original destination.

Report of the Committee of Examination.

Your Committee has received the following papers:

1) Certain documents presented by Mr. J. B. Friehe, who, having received license *ad interim*, applies for reception into this Ministerium. Tho' Mr. Friehe is recommended by several ministers in our connexion, and has received a call from two of our Congregations, your Committee, after due reflection, connot propose this gentleman for examination. Several circumstances have come to the knowledge of your Committee, of which the President was not informed, when he granted license *ad interim* to Mr. Friehe. Tho' these circumstances do not affect the moral character of Mr. Friehe, they nevertheless indicate a certain undecision and instability in the religious views of this gentleman, that lead your Committee to doubt, whether he could exert a salutary influence in any Church of our connexion.

2) Your Committee have perused the certificate of licensure, presented by the Rev. J. M. Sandhaus, and recommend this gentleman to the Clergy of our Synod, particularly to the Rev. C. F. Stoever and his delegate, for the purpose of introducing him to a sphere of usefulness in their vicinity, in which he may be able to labor efficiently for the good of the Church. Your Committee would recommend Mr. Sandhaus for reception into this Ministerium, as soon as he will have obtained dismissory letters from the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

3) A communication from the Rev. J. Vogelbach, pastor of the German Lutheran Churches in Harrisburg and vicinity, requesting membership with this Body. This petition is accompanied by a certificate of dismission from the Synod of Maryland.

This report having been received for consideration, it was

Resolved: That Mr. Friehe be not admitted for examination.

Resolved: That the applications of Messrs. Vogelbach and Sandhaus be considered at the session of the Ministerium.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. D. Kohler.

In the evening, the Missionary Society held its anniversary meeting. Vide *Minutes* of the Society.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. F. Schmidt. The reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with.

The Committees on Minutes reported as follows:

The *first Committee* report on the Minutes of the Special Convention of the *Joint Synod of Ohio*, and on the Minutes of the *Western District Synod of Ohio*: that the following item has reference to this Body: "Rev. Messrs. J. Haesbaert, and S. A. Mealy appeared as Delegates from the Synod of Pennsylvania, and were received as members entitled to vote."

The *second Committee* report on the Minutes of the 49th Convention of the *Synod of New York*, held at Valatie, Columbia Co., N. Y., in August 1844: that this body reports 35 Ministers, 36 Churches, 1123 Baptisms, 328 Confirmations, 36 members received from other Churches, 5421 Communicants 29 Sunday Schools; that our Delegate was cordially received, and the Rev. C. F. E. Stohlmann appointed as Delegate to our Synodical Convention.

The Delegate of our Synod related the fraternal reception extended to him by the Synod of New York, and Synod was gratified by his information. May the pleasing and fraternal intercourse of these Sister Synods be continued.

The *third Committee* report on the Minutes of the 14th Convention of the *Synod of Virginia*: that this Body met in May 1844, at Winchester. It reports 14 Ministers, 4 Candidates, 39 Churches, 282 Baptisms, 300 Confirmations, 2262 Communicants, 20 Sunday Schools, 42 Funerals. Officers: The Rev. J. B. Davis, President, the Rev. L. Eichelberger, Secretary, the Rev. T. J. Miller, Treasurer. Our Minutes were received and fraternally noticed.

The *fourth Committee* report on the Minutes of the Synod of *North Carolina*: that this Body met May 3., 1844, at Concord, Cabarrus Co., N. C. Officers: The Rev. W. Arz, President, the Rev. S. Rothrock, Secretary, Mr. J.

Shimpock, Treasurer. It reports: 8 Ministers, 21 Churches, 194 Baptisms, 73 Confirmations, 1882 Communicants.

The *fifth Committee* report on the Minutes of the *Synod of Maryland*, convened at Middletown, Oct. 18., 1844: that this Body is composed of 27 Ministers. Officers: the Rev. S. W. Harkey, President, the Rev. F. W. Conrad, Secretary, the Rev. J. P. Cline, Treasurer. Congregations 62, Baptisms 1106, Confirmations 436, Communicants 6664, Sunday Schools 42. These Minutes contain nothing having reference to our Synod.

The *sixth Committee* report on the Minutes of the *Hartwick Synod*: that this Body convened at Danville, Livingston Co., N. Y., in June 1844. It reports 15 Ministers, 20 Churches, 199 Baptisms, 161 Confimations, 2851 Communicants. Officers: the Rev. T. Lape, President, the Rev. W. N. Sholl, Secretary, the Rev. M. J. Stoever, Treasurer. It deserves to be noticed as an anomaly, that no Ministerial Session was held during the Convention of this Body. They acknowledge the reception of our Minutes, and report on their contents. The Rev. W. N. Sholl was appointed Delegate to our Convention.

The *seventh Committee* report on the Minutes of the 10th Convention of the *Synod of the West*, held at Fort Wayne, Indiana: that this Body continues to increase, numbering at present 30 Clergymen; that it is as yet undivided, and that the members are zealously labouring for the Salvation of our Brethren in the faith in the Far West.

The *eighth Committee* report on the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the *German Reformed Church*: that this Body convened at Allentown, Oct. 17., 1844. Officers: the Rev. H. Bibighaus, President, the Rev. J. C. Bucher, Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. J. R. Fisher, Stated Clerk, Mr. W. Heyser, Treasurer. In reference to the Correspondence with our Synod, the Delegates were directed to renew a discussion of the subject, for the purpose of carrying out the plan proposed by the German Reformed Synod in 1843. It is evident from the proceedings of this Body, that they regard as desirable a more intimate connexion with the Dutsch Reformed Church, which they have partially effected. The following Clergymen wsre appointed Delegates to our Synodical Convention: the Rev. T. H. Leinbach, and the Rev. J. Dubs, *Primarii*, the Rev. S. Gutelius, and the Rev. J. Geiger, *Secundi*.

The *ninth Committee* report on the Minutes of the *Synod of Pennsylvania* for 1844: that the Committee on Columbus Seminary having presented their Report, they have met with no subject, that has not been already been considered.*

The Reports of the Committees on Minutes were adopted.

The Rev. A. L. Herman, a member of the German Reformed Synod, appeared among us, and was invited to a seat as an advisory member. At this juncture the Rev. J. Dubs, the Delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church likewise appeared, and was cordially received, and introduced to Synod as an advisory member.

* The Secretary would remark that some time after his return from Synod, the Minutes of the 21st Convention of the Synod of South Carolina were handed him by a ministerial brother. They shall be presented to Synod at our next meeting.

Report of the Committee on St. Jacob's Church, Shamokin.

The Committee appointed to report upon a letter from the Church Council of St. Jacob's Church in Shamokin beg leave to present to Synod the following Report:

This letter contains:

1) The request to confirm, that this St. Jacob's Congregation has been connected with our Synod for more than thirty years.

Moved, that this be confirmed, in accordance with their wish, and with the truth.

2) The request to confirm, that the Rev. J. P. Schindel, sen., but not this St. Jacob's Congregation, was dismissed from our Synodical connexion.

Moved, in accordance with the truth also to confirm this, inasmuch, though a part of that Congregation in the year 1844 sought a dismission from Synod, yet Synod thought, it dare not regard the request of that part of the Congregation, because that part had deviated from our Ev. Lutheran Church in doctrines and usages.

3) The request to confirm, that their minister, the Rev. A. Bergner, is really a member of our Ministerium.

Moved, that this be confirmed.

4) The request to confirm, that according to the unaltered Augsburg Confession, which is the main platform of our Ev. Lutheran Church, no member of a congregation is obliged necessarily to receive the Lord's Supper within a certain prescribed time.

Moved, that this too, in accordance with the truth, be confirmed.

C. Miller.
E. Peixoto.

The above report was adopted, and its motions were passed into resolutions. It was further

Resolved: That a copy of the above report and resolutions, attested by the seal of Synod and the signature of the officers of Synod, be forwarded to St. Jacob's Congregation, Shamokin.

Whereas this Synod, the oldest in connexion with the Lutheran Church in the United States, will shortly have attained the hundreth year of its existence, and whereas an era of such importance, fraught with indications of the mercies of Almighty God, and of the blessings of the Great Head of His Church, ought not to pass without thankful and becoming notice, the subject having been presented to Synod, it was

Resolved: That a Committee be appointed, to devise ways and means for a proper celebration of the *Centenary Jubilee* of this Synod, and to report to our next Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed: Rev. Messrs. C. R. Demme, D. D., G. A. Reichert, J. W. Richards.

The Committee appointed to audit the *Account of the President*, reported, that they had attended to this duty, and found it to be correct.

The Rev. C. R. Demme, D. D., stated, that he had ordered 100 copies of the Liturgy to be bound;—further, that a trunk was highly necessary for the preservation of the Archives of Synod.

Resolved: That Dr. Demme be requested to procure two strong trunks for the preservation of the Archives, and apply for that purpose a part of the funds in his possession.

Resolved: That all the Brethren, that are still indebted for copies of the Liturgy, be called upon to settle their accounts without further delay.

The unauthorized disjunction of the existing Pastoral Districts being adverted to, as productive of unhappy results to the respective congregations, it was

Resolved: That if a case of this kind should occur, and be brought before the notice of Synod in the form of a complaint, by any of our Congregations, this Synod will receive a similar complaint with due attention, and decide upon it in conformity with the Constitution.

The subject of *Columbus Seminary* being again brought before Synod, after some discussion it was

Resolved: That the obligations we assumed with regard to Columbus Seminary, are herewith cancelled, because of the non-fulfilment of the agreement on the part of the Joint Synod of Ohio.

Appointment of Delegates.

The following gentlemen were appointed Delegates to Sister Synods:

To the *Synod of New York*: The Rev. Dr. Demme, *primarius*, the Rev. J. Medtart, *secundus.*

To the *Synod of West Pennsylvania*: The Rev. D. Kohler, *primarius*, the Rev. C. F. Stoever, *secundus.*

To the *Synod of the German Reformed Church*: The Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D., *primarius*, the Rev. J. C. Strein, *secundus.*

Resolved: That the usual number of copies of our Minutes be addressed to the Synods, with which we are in correspondence, and to the Theological Seminaries of our church. Synod was gratified by the reception of the Minutes of the different Sister

Synods, and by the friendly relations that exist between them. O that the great Head of the Church would guide us, so that we all would have "one heart and one spirit," and labor both within and without our bounds, with united efforts, for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, and the Salvation of immortal souls.

Resolved: That the usual number of copies of our Minutes be printed, viz: 750 copies in the German, and 500 in the English language.

Resolved: That the Rev. W. B. Rally be appointed to translate the Minutes of this Convention into the English language.

The following gentlemen were appointed a *Committee of Examination* for the next year: Rev. Messrs. C. R. Demme, D. D. Prof. Schmidt, E. Peixoto, C. Miller, G. Jaeger.

Resolved: That this evening ofter divine service the Secretary return the thanks of Synod to the Congregation of Reading, for the kind hospitality extended to the members of the Clergy during this Convention.

An election was now held, as to the place and time of our next Synodical Convention. The Rev. D. Kohler and Mr. Miller were appointed tellers. Friendly invitations had been received from Orwigsburg and Lebanon. The election being closed, it appeared, that *Orwigsburg* was chosen as the place, and *Trinity Sunday* as the time of the next Synodical Convention.

The business of Synod thus being happily finished, the members again bowed before the Throne of Grace, the President leading in prayer. The President then dismissed the Lay-Delegates and the Convention adjourned.

SESSION OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Wednesday, May, 21., 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

The session being opened with prayer by the President, the Committee on Sermons and Journals of the Candidates, reported to the satisfaction of the Ministerium.

Resolved: That the ceremony of Ordination take place this evening.

Resolved: That Messrs. C. L. Erle, G. A. Wenzel, C. G. A. Neuman, and W. B. Rally be ordained this evening.

Resolved: That the licenses of Messrs. N. Jaeger, P. L. Oberfeld, J. C. Schmidt, and A. Bergner be renewed..

Resolved; That the Rev. J. Vogelbach, pastor of St. Michaels German Luth. Church at Harrisburg, be received as a member of this Ministerium.

In accordance with this resolution, and the wishes of the Church at Harrisburg, this Congregation, whose prospects of spiritual prosperity we are pleased to learn, is likewise admitted into our connexion.

Resolved: That the Rev. J. M. Sandhaus be received as a member of Synod, as soon as he will have obtained dismissory letters from the Synod of West Pennsylvania, and

Resolved: That the President forward a license to Mr. Sandhaus, as soon as he shall have taken charge of Congregations in our connexion.

The application of Mr. Salman having been referred from the Synodical Session to the Ministerium, it was now considered.

Resolved: That the Rev. C. F. F. Salman, of Cunningham, Lucerne Co., be received as a member of this Ministerium.

Resolved: That the Rev. F. W. Husman of Fort Wayne, Ia., having solicited a renewal of his license, his application be referred to the decision of the President.

Resolved: That a similar application, made by the Rev. F. P. Feysel, of Erie, Pa., be likewise referred to the President.

It being moved: that every Candidate in this Ministerium be required annually to submit besides his Journal and Sermons, a dissertation on a given topic, it was

Resolved: That the consideration of this subject be postponed to the next annual Convention of this Ministerium.

The Rev. W. Pauli, pastor of several German Reformed Congregations in the vicinity of Reading, was here introduced to the Ministerium.

The Rev. C. G. A. Neuman having laid before this body a certain *casus conscientiæ*, it was

Resolved: That we leave it to Mr. Neuman, to act in the case of the Herbert Congregation according to his sincere conviction, and recommend him, if the Constitution of said Congregation should contain any rule at variance with the spirit of Christianity or the spirit of our Church, to procure the necessary alterations by amicable and calm representations, so as to harmonize with the Constitutions of the other Lutheran and Reformed Congregations, that worship in the same house.

The discussion of this question gave rise to an edifying interchange of opinion, that may have been profitable to many of the Brethren.

The ministerial business being similarly terminated, the members of this Body prepared for separation. They once more united with the President in a fervent address to the Throne of Grace, and thus the Synodical Convention of 1845 was brought to a close, not to be recalled until we meet again at the Bar of Judgement. And may we all be able on that great day to give a good account of our meeting.

We felt truly grateful to Divine Providence for the pleasing incidents of this Convention. Peace, Love, and Concord reigned undisturbed in our midst. No angry feelings were excited, the business of Synod was transacted in the peacefnl spirit of our Lord, and with a reference to his blessing, and the words of the Psalmist could properly be applied: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity." May the Lord in Mercy grant us many more such blessed hours!

One circumstance embittered our pleasure and sorely afflicted our hearts:—he, who was always the first to welcome us with a

warm reception, when our meeting was held at Reading, he who was so dear to our souls—MÜHLENBERG, once in every sense of the word our *Brother*, was no more, his remains slumbered in the cool grave. We blessed his memory, shed our tears on his tomb, and felt some consolation in the hope of meeting our departed Brother in a blessed eternity.

In the evening, the Rev. C. W. SCHAEFFER, preached in the english language from 1. Peter 1, 25. After sermon the solemn Ordination Service was held in the german language. The Candidates for ordination, Messrs. C. L. Erle, G. A. Wenzel, C. G. A. Neuman, and W. B. Rally, approached the Altar of the Lord, and were set apart by the officers of Synod, thro' the apostolical imposition of hands, for the ministry of reconciliation. Solemn silence, and deep emotion pervaded the numerous assembly. May He, who hath made us Ministers of Christ, and Stewards over the Mysteries of God, grant us the gifts of His blessed Spirit, that we may be found faithful, and ever remember with fear and trembling, that of him, to whom much is given, much will be required.

The Secretary, in the name of Synod, returned the thanks of the Brethren to the Congregation at Reading for their kindness and hospitality, after which he dismissed them with the N. T. Benediction;—and may this beloved Congregation, whose memory will ever be cherished in his heart—in whose midst he was born and educated,—by whose Pastor, the late lamented Mühlenberg, he was confirmed and prepared for the ministry (by whom, and their present pastor he was afterwards ordained),—may this Congregation continually receive "the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

That the above was transacted in the 98th Synodical and Ministerial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, held at Reading, during Trinity week, 1845, is certified by

J. W. RICHARDS,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

MISSIONARY PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of the Missionary Society of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, and adjacent States, convened at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., from the 17. to the 21. May, 1845.

The Society met Saturday, May 17., 1845, in the schoolroom of Trinity Church, Reading, for the transaction of business. The officers of the Society not having as yet arrived, the members present elected the following gentlemen as officers *pro tempore:*

The Rev. W. F. Geissenhainer, *President.*
" " C. Miller, *Secretary,*

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Demme. The President then invited the members to proceed to business, whereupon Dr. Demme read a communication from our foreign Missionary, the Rev. C. F. Heyer.

The Rev. Dr. Baker then read a letter from our domestic Missionary, the Rev. G. Bartels of Zanesville, Ohio, in which he gives the gratifying intelligence of the prosperity of his newly organized Congregation, submitting, at the same time, a copy of the constitution adopted by the same.

Resolved: That we thank Mr. Bartels for his faithful labours among his Congregation, and invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon him and the people of his charge.

Some discussion took place on the subject of Mr. Heyer's letter, and the members mutually communicated their opinion on the East India Mission, whereupon it was

Resolved: That Synod be requested, to permit our Society to convene on Tuesday, from 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking Mr. Heyer's letter into consideration.

The election for officers than took place, and gave the following result:

The Rev. *Senior* W. Baetis, *President.*
" " F. W. Geissenhainer, *Vice-President.*
" " Prof. F. Schmidt, *Rec. Recretary.*
" " G. A. Reichert, *Cor. Secretary.*
" " J. C. Baker, D. D., *Treasurer.*

Directors: Rev. Messrs. H. S. Miller, J. W. Richards, C. F. E. Stohlmann, C. W. Schaeffer, S. A. Mealy, J. J. Strein, and Messrs. A. Mühlenberg, jun., J. F. Heinitsch, C. Hager, J. Miller, W. Duck, and A. Zeller.

Resolved: That the anniversary meeting of our Society be celebrated on Tuesday evening next, and that we now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Adjourned with prayer.

Tuesday, 1 *o'clock, P. M.*

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. A. Reichert. The minutes of the preceeding session were read and approved. The Rev. Dr. Demme presented to the Society a number of copies of the annual report of the Missionary Society of Stade, Germany.

Resolved: That the copies be thankfully received, and that our Secretary forward a similar number of copies of our Minutes to the Society at Stade.

The Domestic Missionary, the Rev. W. B. Rally, of Manayunk, Philadelphia Co., now presented his report, which was read and accepted for consideration.

Resolved: That Mr. Rally be continued as our Missionary for the following year, to labour in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and that he receive $50 from our funds.

The Secretary now read two letters, received from our Foreign Missionary, the Rev. C. F. Heyer, dated Jan. 16., and Feb. 16., 1845. In the latter Mr. Heyer repeatedly urges his request to be permitted to return to the United States in the year 1847.

Resolved: That Mr. Heyer's request be referred to the Executive Committee of the Society. A communication from Mr. Hatzfeld of Monroe Michigan, was similarly referred to the Executive Committee

A letter from the Vestry of the United German Evangelical Congregation of Cincinnati was read by the Secretary. It contained the copy of a resolution, adopted by this Vestry on the 3d of Feb., 1845, by which $25 of the Missionary funds, collected in this Congregation, were directed to be paid to our Treasurer, towards to the purchase of a printing press for the use of the Guntoor Mission.

Resolved: That we cordially thank the Vestry of said Congregation for this donation, and request our treasurer, to solicit the payment of the above sum, as soon as our Executive Committee will have decided on the purchase of a press.

Letters were now submitted from the Rev. Fred. Schmidt of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Rev. J. S. Dumser, a Missionary of the E. L. Synod of Michigan among the Indians.

Resolved: That this Mission to the Indians be recommended to the Executive Committee during the next year, if the state of our funds will permit an appropriation.

Several members of the Society having expressed a wish, that our proceedings and the letters of our Foreign Missionary be communicated to the public thro' the Lutheran Observer, it was

Resolved: That the Editor of the Lutheran Observer be requested to publish in his Journal the proceedings of our Society, and the reports of our Foreign Missionary.

The Treasurer stated, that he had received from the youthful Missionary Society, connected with St. Michael's and Zion's Congregation in Philadelphia, $100 for the endowment of Schools in the East Indies.

Resolved: That we rejoice in the coöperation of the youthful Missionary Society of St. Michael's and Zion's Congregation, and request that Society to continue their laudable activity.

The annual report of the Executive Committee having been presented and adopted, the Society adjourned *sine die* with prayer.

On Tuesday evening the Missionary Society celebrated the anniversary of their organization. The Vice-President, the Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, introduced the exercises by singing and prayer, after which the Secretary read in the German language

THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the German Evang. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN!

Grace be with you, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Your Executive Committee, in presenting their 9th annual Report, feel themselves bound to express their humble and sincere thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the unmerited care and loving kindness, that we have been permitted to enjoy during the past year. The Lord has vouchsafed to preserve the life and health of the three Missionaries labouring under our direction, and has blessed their efforts. The Word of the Lord went forth, and according to His promise, it will not return void.

You have been informed from time to time about the prospects of our *foreign Mission* at Guntoor by the letters of our Missionary, the Rev. *C. F. Heyer*, which have been published in the periodicals of our Church. Several items in connexion with the foreign field will claim your attention.

1) We stated in our last Annual Report, that the "Foreign Missionary Society of the Evang. Lutheran Church" had sent a Missionary, the Rev. W. Gunn, to Guntoor; this Missionary commenced his labours on our missionary ground in connexion with Mr. Heyer, ere the agreement made at Philadelphia with the Delegates of that Society was ratified by that Society. We hope that this ratification will take place during their present meeting.

2) Our Foreign Missionary, the Rev. C. F. Heyer, has in one of his last letters expressed his wish to return to this Country, and his desire is couched in terms, that evince neither the apprehension of a disappointment, nor a regard for a denial. He hopes that, by the time of his departure from India, in 1846, his Collaborator will have made sufficient progress in the Telegoo language, to assume the Superintendence of the Mission.

3) Our Foreign Missionary has intimated to us, that certain friends of the Mission in India had remitted him a sum of money towards the purchase of a press for the Mission, under the condition, that the requisite balance of 500 Rupees ($250) be raised by friends of the Mission in this Country. The Congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. M. Raschig of Cincinnati has offered us a contribution of $25 towards the purchase of the press, and the balance of the sum may be expected from the generosity of Christian friends as soon as the Society has approved of this appropriation.

With reference to the operations of our *Domestic Mission*, your Committee begs leave to report, that the Rev. *G. Bartels* of Zanesville, Ohio, has been assisted during the past year, from our Missionary funds, and has given us, in his communication, gratifying intelligence about the state of his Church. A brick edifice has been erected for the use of the Congregation. Peace and unanimity reign in their midst, and their prospects are encouraging.

The Rev. *W. B. Rally* has laboured as Domestic Missionary in the vicinity of Philadelphia; he has organized one Congregation, and his prospects of extending his sphere of usefulness are good.

You will see by this condensed Report, that the Lord has accompanied our efforts during the past year with His Blessing. Let us continue in the good work, that many souls, converted thro' the instrumentality of our Missionaries, may say at the great day: We have washed our robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb: therefore, Blessing and Glory, and Wisdom and Thanksgiving, and Honor and Power and Might be under our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Executive Committee
F. SCHMIDT, *Sec.*

After the reading of the Report, the Rev. G. A. REICHERT delivered an address in the German language. A Missionary Hymn was sung in the English language, the Annual Report was read, and an address delivered in the English language, by the Rev. J. MEDTART. The assembly was then dismissed with the Benediction.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.

Wednesday, 12 *o'clock.*

The Board met, in accordance with the Constitution, for the purpose of electing three members, which together with the officers of the Society, should constitute the Executive Committee for the next year. The following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. A. Mühlenberg, jun., C. Hager, and J. Heinitsch, all of Lancaster City, Pa.

That the above was transacted, is certified by

F. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A.

IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Berks County.

Amity, Boyerstown, Bergkirche.
Forrest, Alleghany, St. John's.
Hamburg (German).
Hamburg (English), Oley, Friedensburg, Bern, Bernville.
Kutztown, Bern, St. Paul's, Pricetown.
Longswamp.
Mosillem, Coxtown, Merz, Albany, Hereford, Maxatawny.
Northkill, St. Michael's, Christ, New Jerusalem.
Reading (Trinity), Spiess, Alsace, Sinking Spring.
Tulpehocken, Womelsdorf, Heidelberg, Rieths, Rehrersburg, Newmanstown.
Zion, Belman, Epler, Gernand.

Bucks County.

Flatland, Hilltown, Bergstrasse, Bedminster.
Nockamixon, Tinicum, Springfield, Durham.
Tohecken.

Carbon County.

Lausanne.
Wiseport, East Penn, St. Paul's.

Chester County.

Pikeland (St. Peter), Vincent (Zion).

Columbia County.

Berwick, Briar Creek, Mifflin, Orangeville (St. Paul).
Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Fisher, Mahoning, Roaring Creek.

Dauphin County.

Bender, Krebs, Steinthal, Schwabencreek, Kessler, Trexler, Snydertown.
Harrisburg (Zion's, English).
Harrisburg (St. Michael's, German), Upper Swatara, Middletown, Cumberland (Zion).
Hummelstown (Zion), Bergkirche, Shupes.
Wenrichs, Moriah.

Erie County.

St. John's, Erie.

Franklin County.

German Lutheran, Chambersburg.

Lancaster County.

Elizabethtown (Christ), Maytown, Mountjoy, Bainbridge, Coldbrook.
Lancaster (Trinity).
Lancaster (Zion, German).
New Holland.
Reamstown, Centre, Bergstrasse, Zion.
Strasburg (St. Michael's), Marietta (St. John's), Zion.
Warwick, Manheim, Kieselberg, Muddycreek, White Oak, Swamp.

Lebanon County.

Jonestown.
Lebanon, Meyerstown, Cambellstown, Bindnagel, Millerstown.

Lehigh County.

Allentown, Christ, Friedens, Maccungy, Rittersville.
Foglesville.
Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Lowhill, Heidelberg.
Lynntown.
Upper Millford.
Upper Saucon, Salisbury, Millerstown.

Luzerne County.

Cunningham, Hazletown.
Nescopeck, Newport, Wapwallopeck.

Lycoming County.

Emanuel, Nippenose, Trinity, Newbury.
Zion, Bellatemer, Friedens, Christ.

Montgomery County.

Falconer Swamp, Sassaman, Kieler, Pottstown (German).
Old Goshenhoppen, Indianfield.
Trappe (Augustus), Christ, Union, Jerusalem, Pottstown (English).
Whitpain (St. John), Gwynned (St. Peter).

Northampton County.

Bath, Union, St. John's, Plainfield, Lower Mount Bethel.
Cridersville.
Easton (St. John's).
Forks, Saucon, Upper Mount Bethel.
Lower Saucon.
Trockenland.
Williamstown.

Northumberland County.

Klinger, Arz, Tiefencreek, Hochwaerter, Millers, Herbers.
Little Mahony, St. Peter's, Shamokin (St. James'), Union.
Zion, St. John's, Paradise, Friedens, Fulmer, Harmony.

Philadelphia County.

Germantown (St. Michael's).
Manayunk, and Mission at Kensington. Port Richmond, and Sunville.
Philadelphia: Zion's and St. Michael's Congregation (three Churches: St. Michael's, Zion, St. Paul's).

Schuylkill County.

Orwigsburg, Summerberg (St. Paul), Friedensburg (St. John), Little Schuylkill, Zion, McKeansburg.
Pinegrove, Hetzels.
Pottsville, Schuylkill Heaven (Jerusalem), Minersville, Port Carbon.
Tamaqua, Lewistown, Summit.
West Penn.
Zion, Friedens, St. Paul's, St. James, Bethel, Kroll.

B.

IN ADJACENT STATES.

United Ev. Luth. Congregation,	New York City.
Seneca, Alsace, Christ,	Fayette Co., N. Y.
Second German Luth. Congregation,	Baltimore, Md.
Zion (German Lutheran),	Boston, Mass.
German Lutheran Congregation	Washington, D. C.
St. John's (English),	Zanesville, Ohio.

The errors that probably have crept into this Catalogue, may be rectified a our next Convention.

APPENDIX II.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS IN THE SYNOD OF PENNA.

Pinegrove, } Schuylkill County.
Hetzel, }

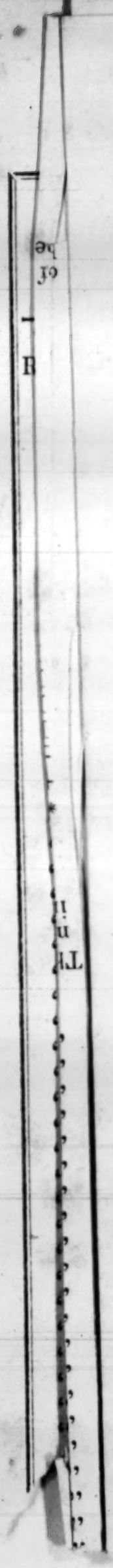
This Catalogue, compiled from memory, is necessarily incomplete. A similar Synopsis seems desirable for every Synod.

APPENDIX III.

NEW CONGREGATIONS ORGANIZED DURING THE LAST YEAR IN THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Manayunk, Philadelphia Co., under Rev. W. B. Rally.
Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., " " A. T. Geissenhainer.

This Catalogue is very incomplete.



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Appendix IV | Parochial Report for 1845.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Baptiz.	Confirm.	Commun.	Funerals.	Schools Congr.	Schools Sund.	Contributions Synodical	Contributions Missions in general	Contributions Missions forg.	Residence.	Congregations.
Rev. J. P. Hecht	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Easton, Northampton Co.	St. John's, Easton.
" J. Miller, D. D.	5	238	76	840	95	5	1	—	—		Reading, Berks Co.	Trinity at Reading, Sinking Spring, Alsace, Schwarzwald, Spiess.
" D. Ulrich	6	131	55	986	70	6	2	$ 2 —	$ 17 —*		Stouchsburg, Berks Co.	Tulpehoken, Womelsdorf, Heidelberg, Rehrersburg, Rieths, Newmannstown.
" W. G. Ernst, D. D.	5	144	86	874	58	3	3	5 —	20 —		Lebanon, Lebanon Co.	Lebanon, Myerstown, Campbellstown, Millerstown, Bindnagels.
" W. Baetis, *Senior*	1	36	11	203	9	—	1	2 —	2 50		Lancaster, Lancaster Co.	Zions at Lancaster (German).
" F. W. Meendsen	*No*	*Re*	*port*	*for 7*	*years*	—	—	—	—		Cridersville, Northampton Co.	Cridersville, &c.
" J. C. Baker, D. D.	1	112	56	781	51	—	2	10 —	92 83		Lancaster, Lancaster Co.	Trinity at Lancaster.
" J. N. Hemping	7	125	57	751	16	4	1	2 —	6 —		Berryburg, Dauphin Co.	Benders, Krebs, Steinthal, Schwabencreek, Trexler, Kessler, Snyderstown,
" G. Minnig	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Bernville, Berks Co.	Zion's, Bellman, Eplers, Gernands, &c.
" C. F. Heyer	*For*	*eign*	*Mis*	*sionary*	—	—	—	—	—			
" J. J. Strein	3	39	—	167	16	—	2	3 —	5 —		Lancaster, Lancaster Co.	Strasburg (St. Michael), Marietta (Zion), St. John.
" F. W. Geissenhainer	1	190	32	812	150	1	1	—	—		New York City.	United E. L. New York.
" C. Miller	6	190	170	1460	67	6	—	12 —	13 —		New Hanover, Montgomery Co.	Falconer Swamp, Amity, Boyers, Pottstown (German), Sassaman's, Kielers.
" H. G. Stecher	3	60	39	374	25	—	3	3 55	3 —		Hummelstown, Dauphin Co.	Hummelstown (Zion), Bergkirche, Schupes.
" S. Trumbauer	4	88	47	473	28	4	1	5 —	6 27		Leacock, Lancaster Co.	Zion, Centre, Bergstrasse, Reamstown.
" B. German	5	131	94	1324	46	5	2	5 —	5 17		Allentown, Lehigh Co.	Upper Saucon, Lower Saucon, Salisbury, Upper Milford, Millerstown.
" C. R. Demme, D. D. } " G. A. Reichert }	1	343	63	1351	136	4	4	48 48	300 —		Philadelphia.	St. Michael's, Zion, St. Paul's;—3 Churches, 1 Congregation.
" J. Stein	6	125	99	840	63	—	4	2 —	18 —		Jonestown, Lebanon Co.	Jonestown, &c.
" G. F. J. Jaeger	8	157	76	1123	45	16	4	—	—		Hamburg, Berks Co.	Hamburg, (German), Zion, Friedens, St. Paul, Bethel, St. James, Kroll.
" W. G. Eyer	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Catawissa, Columbia Co.	Catawissa, Bloomsburg, Roaringcreek, Fisher's, Mahoning.
" J. W. Richards	1	30	7	330	41	—	2	5 —	35 —†		Germantown, Philadelphia Co.	St. Michael's, Germantown.
" J. Bahl	7	96	68	500	27	—	2	1 —	1 —		Berwick, Columbia Co.	Berwick, Briarcreek, Mifflin, Orangeville, (St. Paul), Newport, Nescopeck, Wap- [wallopeck.
" H. S. Miller.	5	76	39	700	45	—	2	6 —	17 82		Trappe, Montgomery Co.	Trappe (Augustus), Towamencing (Christ), Limerick, Jerusalem, Pottstown (Engl.)
" C. P. Miller	5	85	44	391	42	5	1	1 87	10 —		Bucksville, Bucks Co.	Nockamixon, Tinicum, Durham, Springfield, &c.
" W. B. Kaemmer	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Richland, Bucks Co.	Flatland, Milltown, Bergstrasse, Bedminster, Williamstown, &c.
" J. Jaeger	5	125	66	1209	70	5	3	5 —	30 —		Allentown, Lehigh Co.	Allentown, Christ, Friedens, Maccungie, Rittersville.
" J. B. Gross	3	25	—	226	10	—	1	3 —	4 —		Fayette, Seneca Co., New York.	Seneca, Christ, Alsace.
" J. Roeller	8	189	84	1204	38	—	1	—	—		Kutztown, Berks Co.	Mosillem, Coxtown, Merz, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Albany, Hereford, Foglesville.
" J. J. Binninger	*No*	*char*	*ge*	—	—	—	—	—	—		Cunningham. Luzerne Co.	
" G. Schulze	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Newbury, Lycoming Co.	Emanuel, Trinity, Nippenose, Newbury.
" J. Schindel	7	131	276	1730	40	7	4	2 —	20 —		Kerns, Lehigh Co.	Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Lowhill, Heidelberg.
" M. Herpel	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Easton, Northampton Co.	Forks, Saucon, Upper Mount Bethel.
" E. P. E. Peixoto	3	52	37	339	28	—	—	1 —	15 —		Sumneytown. Montgomery Co.	Old Goshenhoppen, Indianfield, Tohecken.
" J. Medtart	2	18	—	200	7	—	2	2 25	10 —		Blue Bell, Montgomery Co.	Whitpain (St. John's), Winnard (St. Peter's).
" J. Haesbaert	No	*char*	*ge*	—	—	—	—	—	—		Residence unknown.	
" C. F. Welden	2	11	20	246	16	—	1	5 27	9 —		Kimberton, Chester Co.	Pikeland (St Peter), Vincent (Zion).
" A. Fuchs	5	140	16	613	36	2	3	2 —	2 —		Bath, Northampton Co.	Bath, Bushkill (Union), St. John, Plainfield, Lower Mount Bethel.
" J. C. Barnitz	1	27	16	93	8	—	1	1 —	4 —		New Holland, Lancaster Co.	New Holland.
" C. W. Schaeffer	1	55	16	417	14	—	1	1 —	64 —‡		Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	Zion at Harrisburg (English).
" F. Schmidt	1	17	8	403	2	—	1	2 —	—		Boston, Mass.	Zion at Boston.
" G. M. Merz	4	34	21	133	8	—	1	1 50	2 —		Linglestown, Dauphin Co.	Wenrichs, Moriah, &c.
" W. G. Minnig	4	111	38	373	60	—	3	2 75	26 —		Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.	Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven (Jerusalem), Minersville, Port Carbon.
" C. F. Stoever	6	103	24	450	37	—	4	2 —	—		Milton, Northumberland Co.	Milton (Zion's), St. John's, Paradise, Friedens, Fulmer, Harmony.
" D. Kohler	5	40	41	410	12	—	2	2 —	2 —		Kutztown, Berks Co.	Kutztown, Bern, St. Paul's, Pricetown, Upper Milford.
" A. T. Geissenhainer	3	*Rec*	*ently*	*taken*	*charge*	—	—	2 50	—		Reading, Berks Co.	Oley, Friedensburg, Hamburg (English).
" L. Gerhard	5	73	27	673	29	—	2	1 —	15 —		Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co.	Christ, Maytown, Mountjoy, Bainbridge, Coldbrook.
" G. H. Brandau	1	29	—	329	9	1	1	—	—		Chambersburg, Franklin Co.	German Luth. at Chambersburg.
" S. A. Mealy	1	6	2	40	—	—	1	1 —	1 —		Zanesville, Ohio.	St. John's, Zanesville, Ohio (English).
" A. B. Gockelen	*No*	*char*	*ge*	—	—	—	—	—	—		Malaga, Monroe Co., Ohio.	
" C. G. Friedrich	6	69	72	603	35	2	—	2 62	8 —		Brickersville, Lancaster Co.	Warwick, Kieselberg, Swamp, Mannheim, White Oak, Muddy Creek.
" A. C. Georgii	4	66	—	159	23	—	1	—	5 50		Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co.	Tamaqua, Lausanne, Lewistown, Summit.
" A. T. Biewend	1	26	4	71	19	—	—	—	—		Washington, D. C.	German Lutheran, Washington, D. C.
" E. A. Bauer	4	105	61	441	28	2	3	3 50	4 -		East Penn, Carbon Co.	Wiseport, St. Paul, East Penn, West Penn.
" F. A. M. Keller	*Vide*	*Dr.*	*Mil*	*lers*	*Report*	—	—	—	—		Reading, Berks Co.	Trinity, Reading (English).
" C. F. F. Salman	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Cunningham, Lucerne Co.	Hazletown, Cunningham, &c.
" J. Vogelbach	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	St. Michael's at Harrisburg (Germ.), Upper Swatara, Middletown, Cumberland (Zion).
" C. L. Erle	4	27	13	90	3	4	—	—	—		Cherry, Lycoming Co.	Zion, Belatimer, Friedens, Christ.
" G. A. Wenzel	2	55	28	403	45	—	3	—	14 —		Hecktown, Northampton Co.	Trockenland, &c.
" C. G. A. Neumann	7	103	45	550	23	10	4	1 —	3 76		Line Mountain, Northampton Co.	Klinger's, Arz, Tiefencreek, Little Mahony, Hochwaerter, Miller's, Herber's.
" W. B. Rally	1	11	—	66	—	—	2	2 —	6 —		Philadelphia.	Manayunk, and Missionary at Kensington, Sunville, and Port Richmond, &c.
" N. Jaeger, *Licentiate*	6	69	49	500	15	4	1	5 —	14 —		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co.	Orwigsburg, Summerberg (St. Paul), Friedensburg (St. John), Little Schuylkill, Zion,
" P. L. Oberfeld, "	2	49	26	200	11	3	2	1 10	4 —		Weissenburg, Lehigh Co.	Lynntown, Longswamp.
" J. C. Schmidt "	4	27	21	382	5	—	1	—	—		Bernville, Berks Co.	New Jerusalem. Michael's, Northkill, Christ.
" A. Bergner "	4	32	—	150	—	—	—	—	—		Shamokin, Northumberland Co.	Little Mahony, St. Peter's, Shamokin (St, James), Union.
" F. P. Feysel "	*Re*	*cent*	*ly*	*taken*	*charge*	—	—	—	—		Erie, Erie Co.	St. John's, Erie (German).
" W. F. Husmann "	*No*	*Con*	*gre*	*gation*	—	—	—	—	—		Fort Wayne, Indiana.	
" J. M. Sandhaus "	*No*	*Con*	*gre*	*gation*	—	—	—	—	—		Residence unknown.	
68 *Ministers*	224	4221	2130	26983	1661	99	87	$166 80	$ 815 95			
The Congregations, that did not report this year, reported in 1844 , ...	—	1077	415	5291	335	16	9	—	436 51			
Total	224	5298	2545	32274	1996	115	96	$166 80	$1252 46		*Received for Missions this year.*	

Vide Notes to Appendix IV.

* Of this sum $2 are contributed towards the purchase of a printing press for the Guntoor Mission.

† Beside this sum, contributed by the Education and Missionary Society, the Congregation remitted, Febr. 22, thro' their Pastor $7 for the printing press: and the youthful Miss. Society $5 for Sunday Schools in India.

‡ In the Report for 1844, the Rev. C. W. Schaeffers contribution was erroneously mentioned to the Secretary, and should have been stated instead of $26. 62½, as 40. 62½, which amount wae inserted in the Treasurers Books.

Received from C. Pretz, a member of Zion's Congregation, Allentown, for Missionary purposes, $2.

Received from St. Matthews E. L. Congregation, New York (Rev. Mr. Stohlmann), for Schools in India, $12. 36.

Received from the youthful Missionary Society of St. Michael's, Philadelphia, for Schools in India, $100.

Received from G. Keiser of Womelsdorf, towards the purchase of the printing press in India, $5.

Collected at the anniversary meeting of the Syn. Miss. Society at Reading, $36. 86.

Annual contributions of members, received at Convention, $33.

Received October 23, 1844, from Rev. Messrs. D. P. Rosenmiller and E. Greenwald, for foreign Missions, $10.

" January 23, 1845, " Miss. Society of South Carolina Synod for foreign Missions, $100.

" Febr. 24, " " Rev. G. Basler, for printing press in Guntoor, $6, for Schools, $6.

" March 14, " " Rev. E. Greenwald, for printing press in Guntoor, $16. 50.

" April 21, " " Sunday School in New Holland, for Schools at Guntoor, $5. 62½.

" May 17, " " Rev. F. C. D. Wyneken for Missions: from his former charge at Fort Wayne, $11. 89; from his present charge at Baltimore, $77. 28.

" " " " " thro' Dr. Demme, the expenses of forwarding a box from India to Gettysburg, $4.

" " " " " returned by Rev. S. A. Mealy, Delegate to General Synod of Ohio, $5.

" " " " " for 1 copy Synodical Constitution, 18 Cents.

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